

In the Claims

Please amend claims as follows:

43. (Amended) A medical device comprising:

an elongate catheter including an external surface and at least one internal surface defining an internal lumen that extends longitudinally along at least a portion of the elongate catheter; and

a compound slit extending from a generally hemispherical portion of the external surface to the at least one internal surface and into communication with the internal lumen, the compound slit being biased toward a closed position and opening in response to a difference between a fluid pressure within the lumen and a fluid pressure outside the catheter.

44. (Original) A medical device according to claim 43, wherein the compound slit is disposed on a distal end of the elongate catheter.

45. (Original) A medical device according to claim 44, further comprising a collar disposed at the distal end of the catheter.

46. (Original) A medical device according to claim 43, wherein the compound slit is a tricuspid slit.

61. (New) A medical device according to claim 43, wherein the compound slit is configured so that, when the fluid pressure within the lumen exceeds the fluid pressure outside the catheter by a first predetermined amount, flaps of the hemispherical portion formed by the compound slit flex outward away from a longitudinal axis of the catheter to allow fluid within the lumen to exit and, when the fluid pressure outside the catheter exceeds the fluid pressure within the lumen by a second predetermined amount, the flaps flex into the lumen to allow fluid outside the catheter to enter the lumen.